

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11, as follows:

Classes of medication used today to treat ulcerative colitis include aminosalicylates, corticosteroids, and immunomodulatory medicines. Aminosalicylates include aspirin-like drugs that contain 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA). Examples are mesalamine (mesalazine), olsalazine, and sulfasalazine. Balsalazide (COLAZAL Colaza™) is a recently developed oral medication that is specifically designed to treat mild to moderate active ulcerative colitis. It has been shown to be highly useful in treating patients who failed mesalamine therapy. These drugs, which can be given either orally or rectally, alter the body's ability to generate and sustain inflammation. Without inflammation, symptoms such as diarrhea, rectal bleeding, and abdominal pain can be diminished greatly. Aminosalicylates are effective in treating mild to moderate episodes of ulcerative colitis, and are also useful in preventing relapses of this disease.